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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 June 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. Claims 1-11 are presented for examination.
2. Claims 8 and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are indefinite because the following claim language is not clear:

- a) "passing an article..." in claim 8 is not clear because the nature of the article cannot be ascertained clearly. It is not clear whether it is a magazine article or something else; and
- b) "computer for a server" in claim 10 and "computer program for making a computer for a server" in claim 11 is not clear and vague and indefinite.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Finkelstein et al.

5. Finkelstein et al (6,283,923) taught the invention substantially as claimed including a communication system for remotely monitoring and diagnosing a user and communicating information between the sites, e.g., the user at the monitoring site and a central facility site, the system comprising:

the first site including

a) diagnosis means for performing a diagnosis of the user or patient of a terminal device on the network (col 7, line 37 et seq);

b) memory means (174) for memorizing private information of the user and a diagnosis result of the diagnosis means together with an ID key (col 7, lines 37-65);

c) first transmission means for transmitting the diagnosis result and the ID key to the user (col 7, line 30 et seq); and

d) second transmission means for transmitting the private information (patient information) and the diagnostic result to a second site (col 3, line 7 et seq.)

6. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the networking art at the time of the invention that the claimed invention differed from the teachings of Finkelstein et al only by a degree, e.g., in the second site receiving the ID key and private information and transmitting them to the first site to get the diagnostic result. Finkelstein et al taught a web based system using an internet web browser (see col 7, line 25 et seq.) it is well known in the networking art that any number or users or computers from

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many sites around the globe may access the information through the web browser by entering the proper URL of the server to see the diagnosis result. Since Finkelstein et al taught using web based system, it would be obvious to share the results with as many sites as desired including the claimed second site, see col 10, line 29 et seq.) The ID key would be the patient identification information (see col 7, line 62 et seq.) Finkelstein et al taught that diagnostic results were sent via email to the patient or user (see col 7, line 5 et seq; col 7, lines 65-67; col 8, line 1 et seq, and col 9, line 7 et seq.) As to the claimed server, Finkelstein et al taught running a web server (see col 10, line 19 et seq.) Other claimed elements are all obvious variations of the well known techniques of the web based networking systems.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mehmet Geckil whose telephone number is (703) 305-9676. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Jack Harvey, can be reached on (703) 305-9705. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are listed hereinbelow.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800/4700. Customer service number is (703) 306-5631.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mehmet Geckil". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER